

# PALMDALE TO BURBANK PROJECT SECTION UPDATE

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# CONNECTING CALIFORNIA: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Address Key State Issues

- » Population Growth
- » Congestion
- » Air Quality
- » Commerce and Economic Development

#### Connect to Southern California

» Closes the Passenger Rail Gap

#### Connect within Southern California

- Palmdale to Burbank in 15 20 minutes
- » Burbank to LA Union Station in 10 minutes
- LA Union Station to Anaheim in 30 minutes
- » LA Union Station to San Diego in 1 hour, 20 minutes

#### Connect to Airports

» Palmdale, Bob Hope Airport, Ontario Airport, San Diego Airport

#### Create Multi-Modal Transportation Hubs

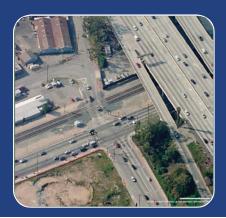
- » Palmdale, Burbank, LAUS, ARTIC
- » Transportation Oriented and Sustainable Development



# REGIONAL IMPROVEMENTS ARE UNDERWAY

- Short-Term Benefits: Safety, Connectivity/Capacity, Air Quality
  - » LA Metro: \$115 Million, Regional Connector in Downtown LA
  - » Metrolink: \$89 Million, New or Improved Trains
  - » San Diego MTS: \$58 Million, Modernize Blue Line Light Rail
  - » Metrolink/North County Transit District: \$100+ Million, Positive Train Control
- Mid-Term Benefits: More Air Quality, Connectivity/Capacity and Phasing
  - » Regional Projects: Southern California Regional Interconnector Project (SCRIP) benefits regional rail including Metrolink and Amtrak
  - » Local Projects: Grade separations (Doran Street, State College, Rosecrans/Marquardt), double tracking, to support integrated regional rail network





# PALMDALE TO BURBANK PROJECT SECTION

### 35 to 45-Mile Section

» First connection to urban Los Angeles

### Two Stations, Many Connections

- » Palmdale (Antelope Valley)
- » Burbank (San Fernando Valley)
- » Walk/Bike/Bus/Rail/Train/Plane

### Regional Benefits

- » Reduce Highway, Airport, and Rail congestion
- » Create transportation hubs for the Antelope and San Fernando Valleys
- » Attract the next generation of travelers
- » Support transit & sustainable infrastructure investments
- » Attract private investment & joint development



# COLLABORATIVE APPROACH BALANCES MULTIPLE PRIORITIES





### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



# RELATIVE LEVEL OF ANALYSIS DURING THE PROCESS

#### ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS



- Design Objectives
- Land Use
- Disruption to Communities
- Environmental Resources
- Agency and Public Input

# ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT



- Aesthetics & Visual Quality
- Agricultural, Farm & Forest Land
- Air Quality & Global Climate Change
- Biological Resources & Wetlands
- Cultural Resources
- Cumulative Impacts
- Electromagnetic
  Interference/Fields
  (EMI/EMF)

- Geology, Soils, Seismicity& Paleontology
- Hazardous Materials & Wastes
- Hydrology & Water Resources
- Station Planning, Land Use & Development
- Noise & Vibration
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space
- Public Utilities & Energy
- Regional Growth
- Safety & Security
- Socioeconomics & Communities
- Environmental Justice
- Transportation
- Section 4(f) & Section 6(f)
  Evaluations

# PROACTIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT A KEY ASPECT OF PROCESS

Now more than 188 community meetings, presentations, and briefings since 2014

May/June 2014 Open House Meetings, 5 meetings

August 2014 Public Scoping Meetings, 7 meetings

December 2014 Open House Meetings, 8 meetings

February/March 2015 Community Working Groups #1, 8 meetings

April 2015 Community Working Groups #2, 9 meetings

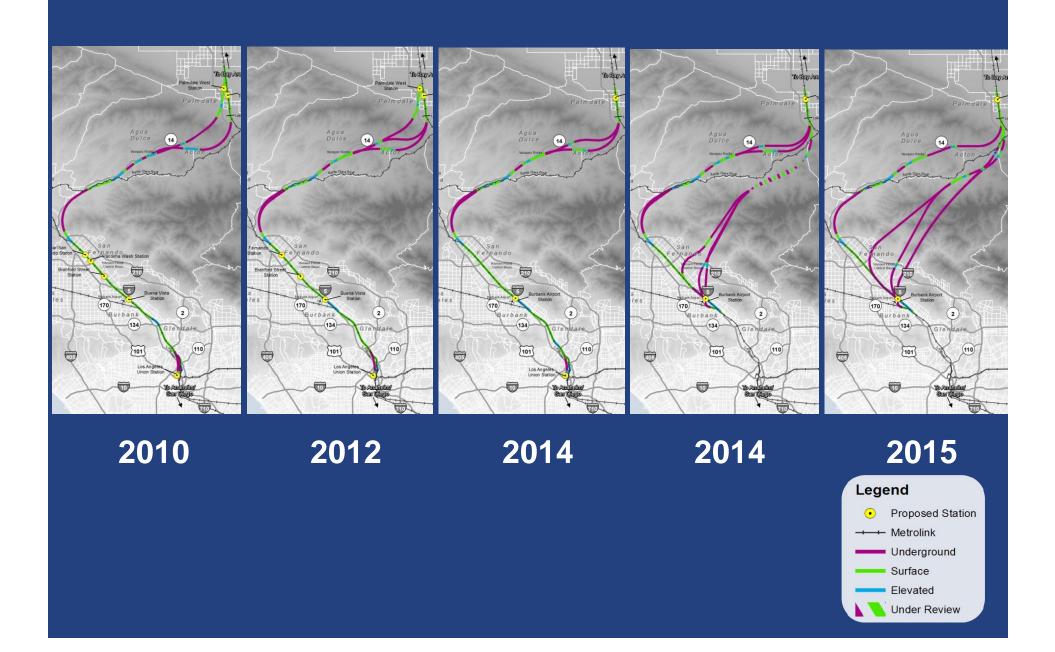
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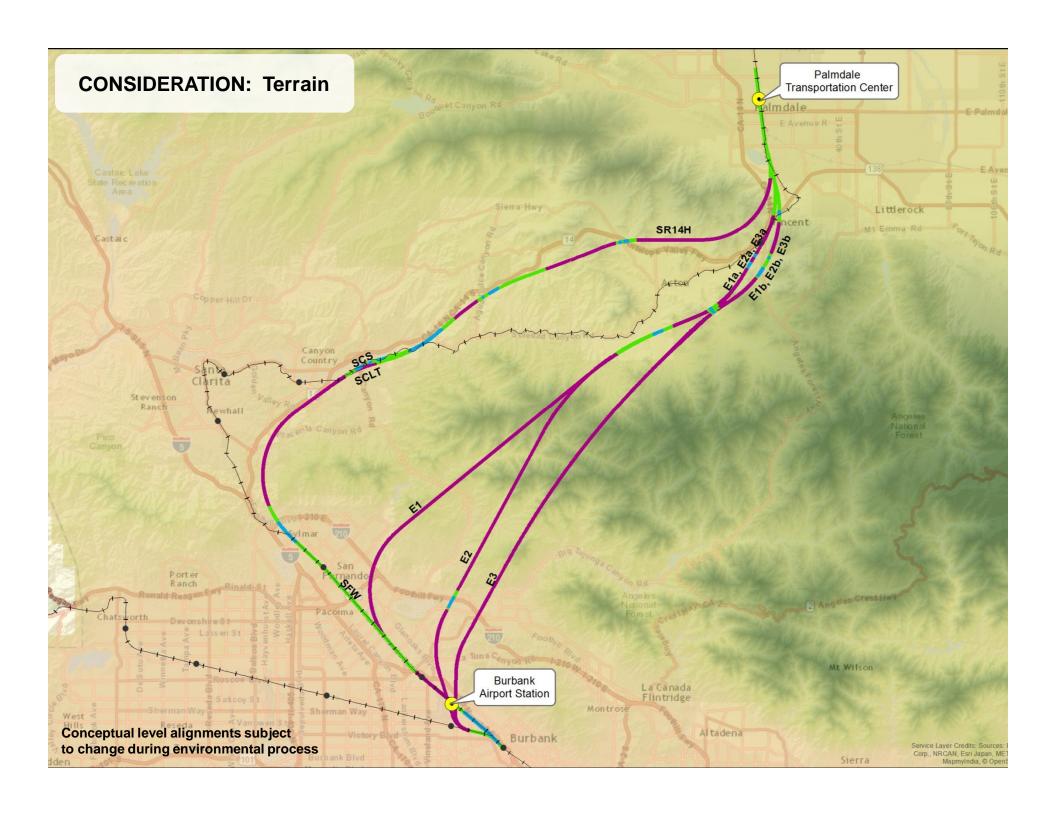


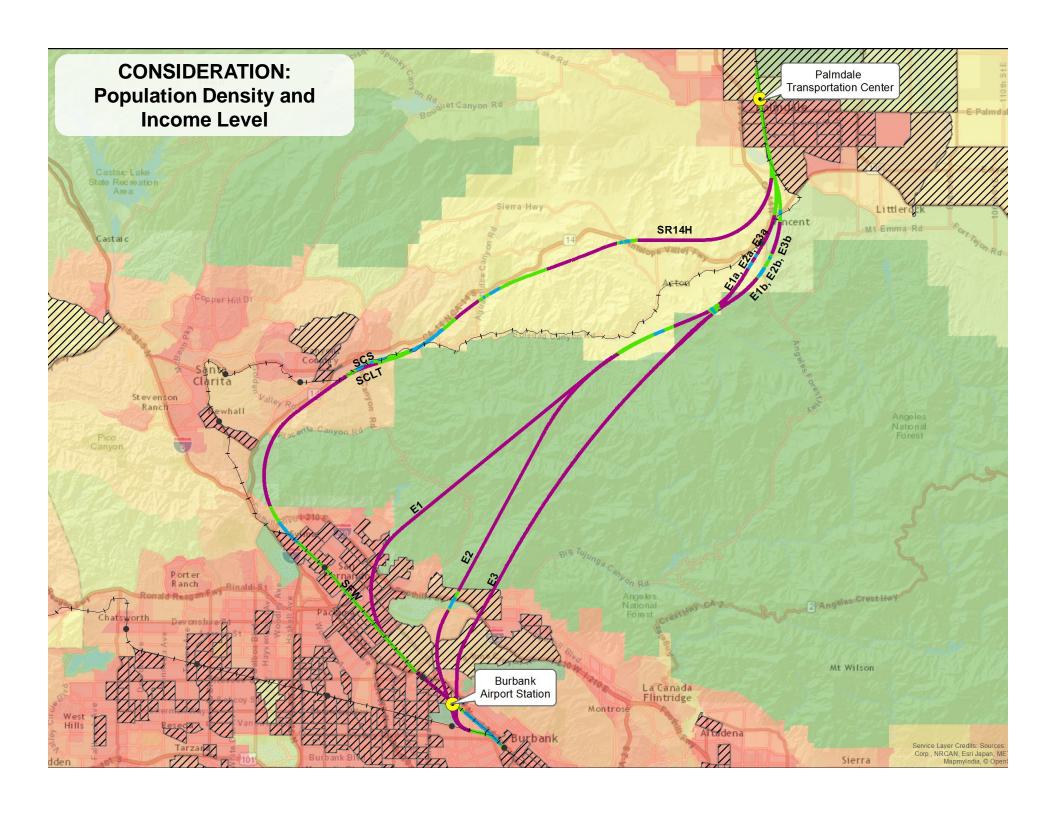


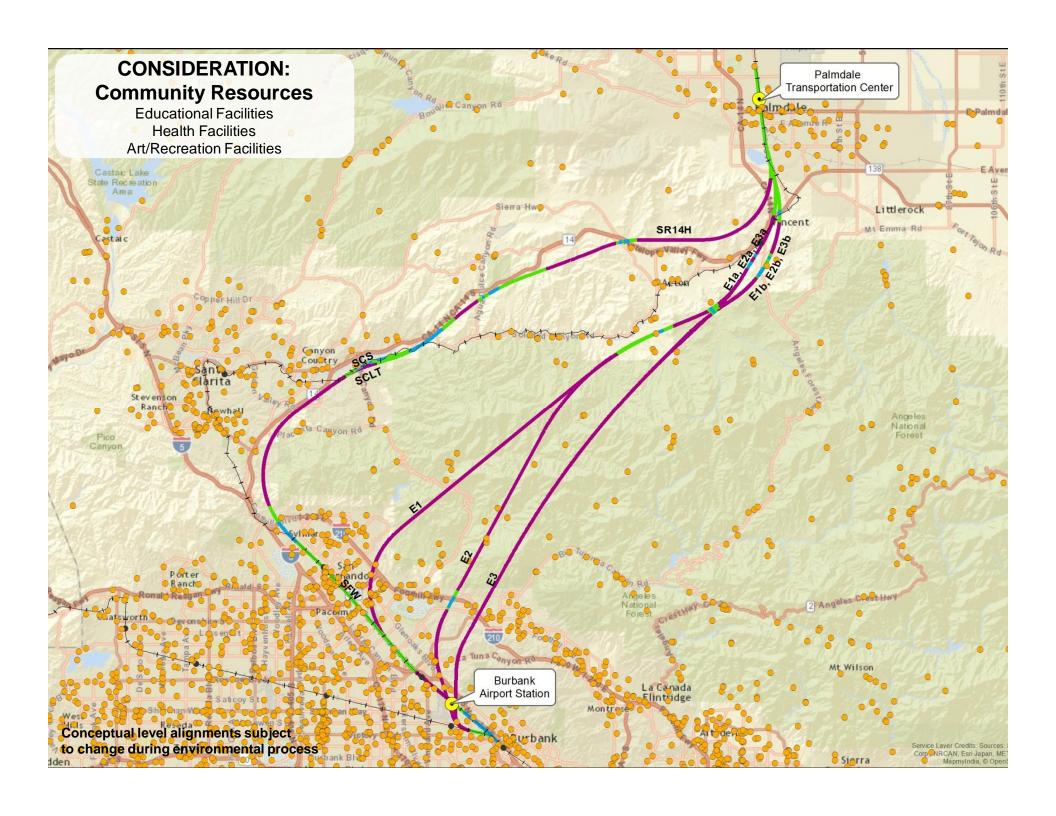


# CLOSE-UP: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AT WORK

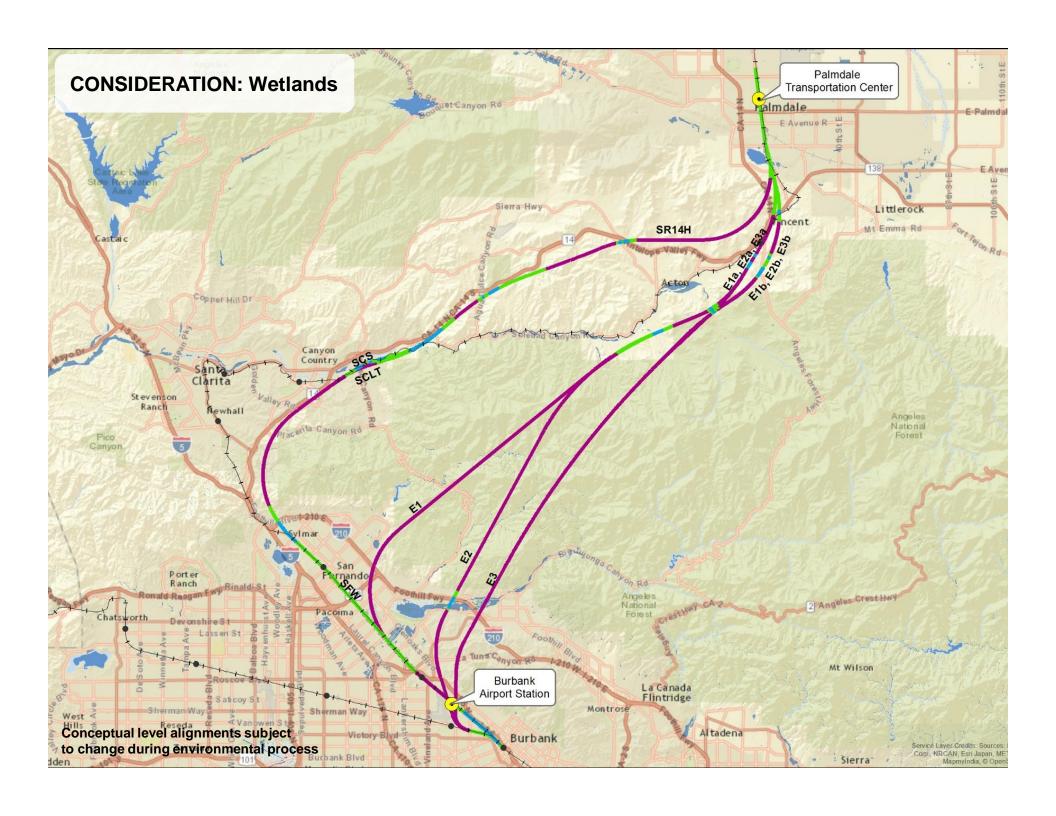


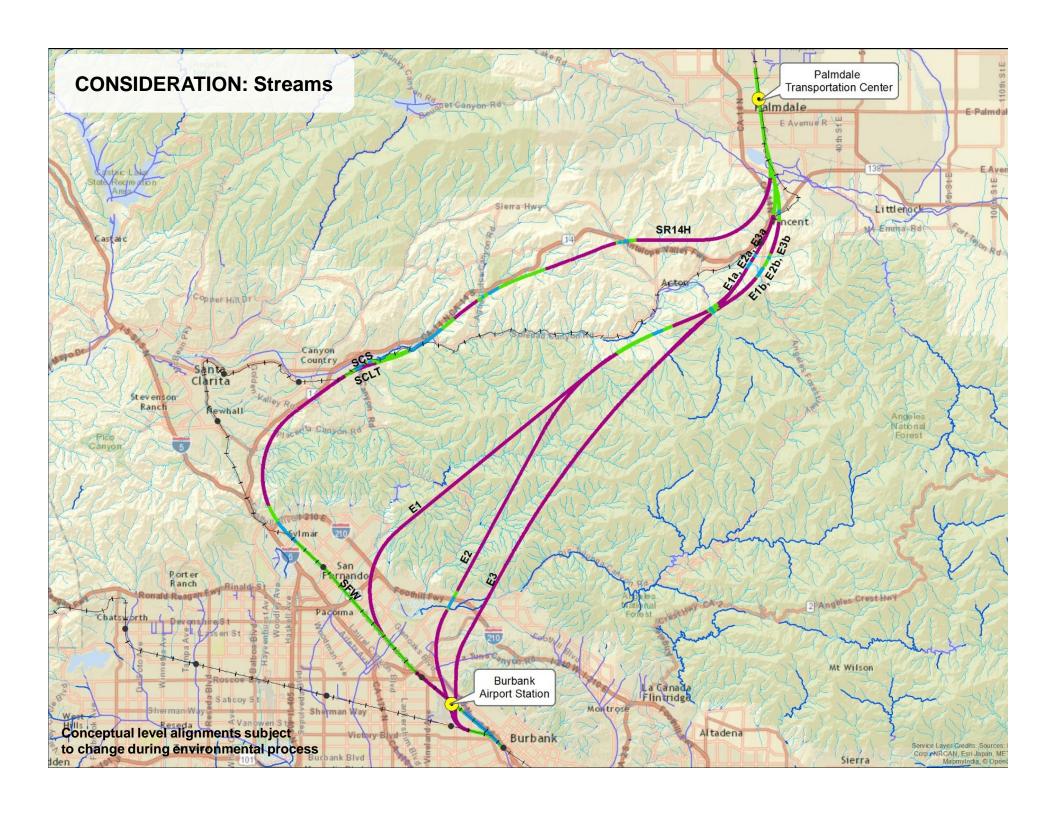


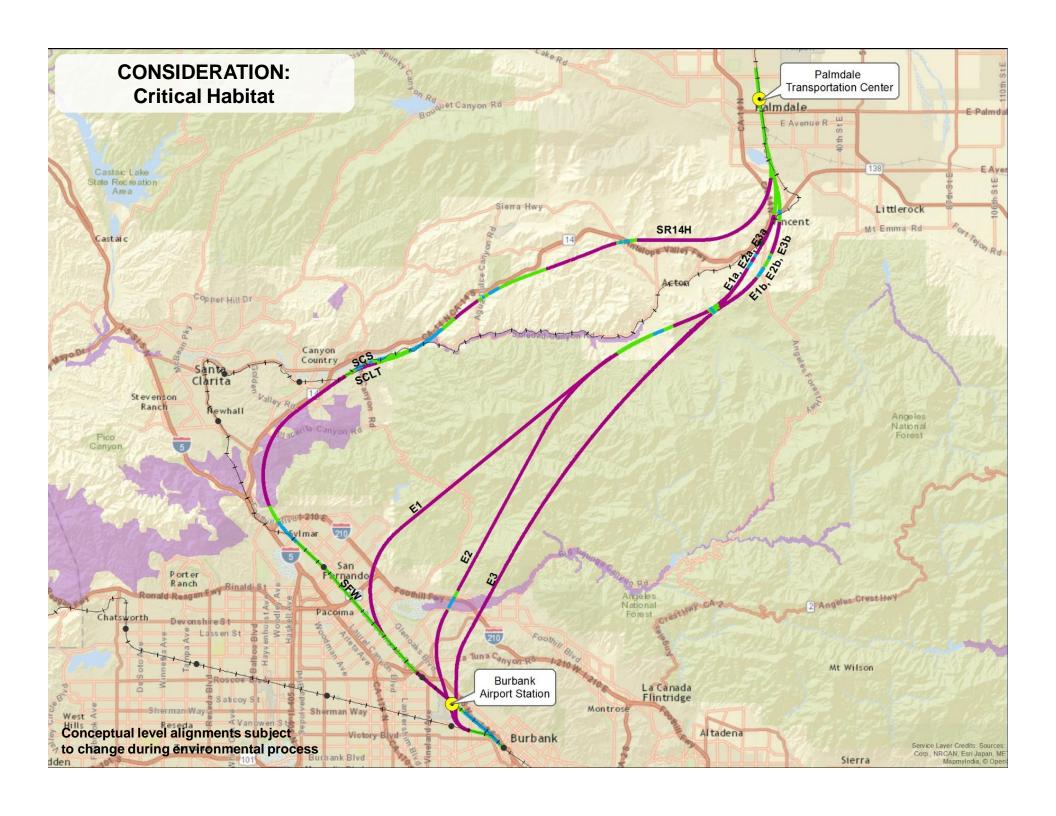


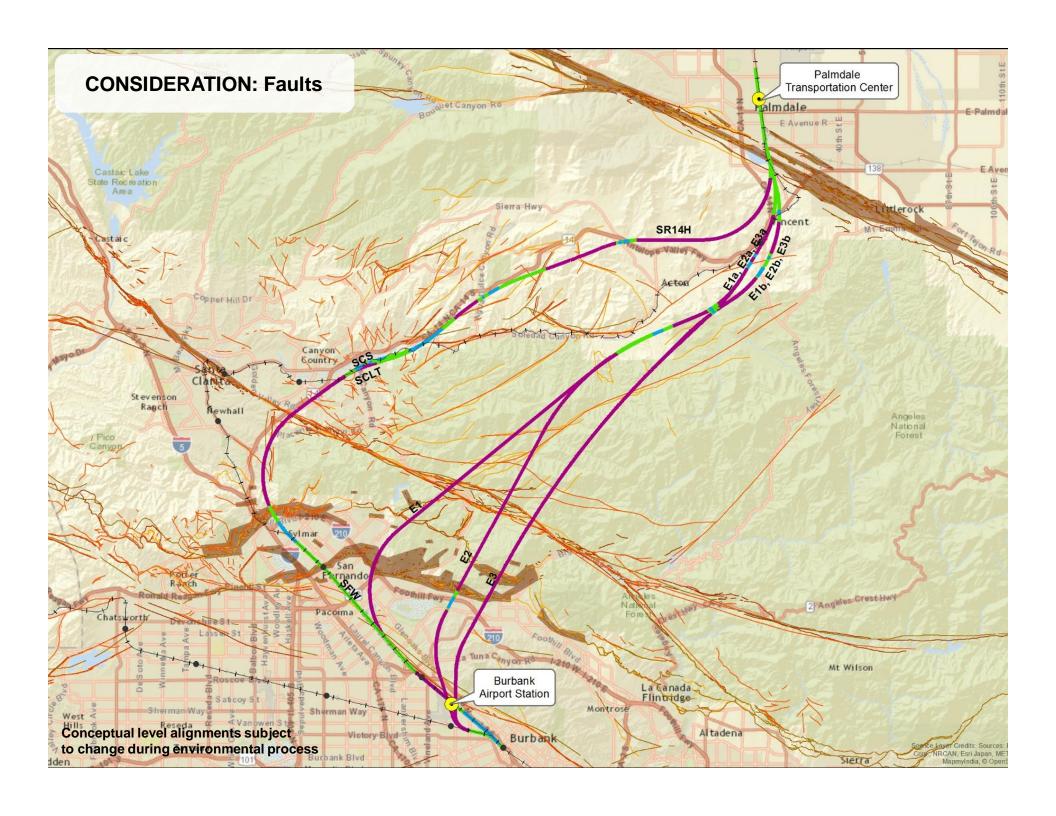


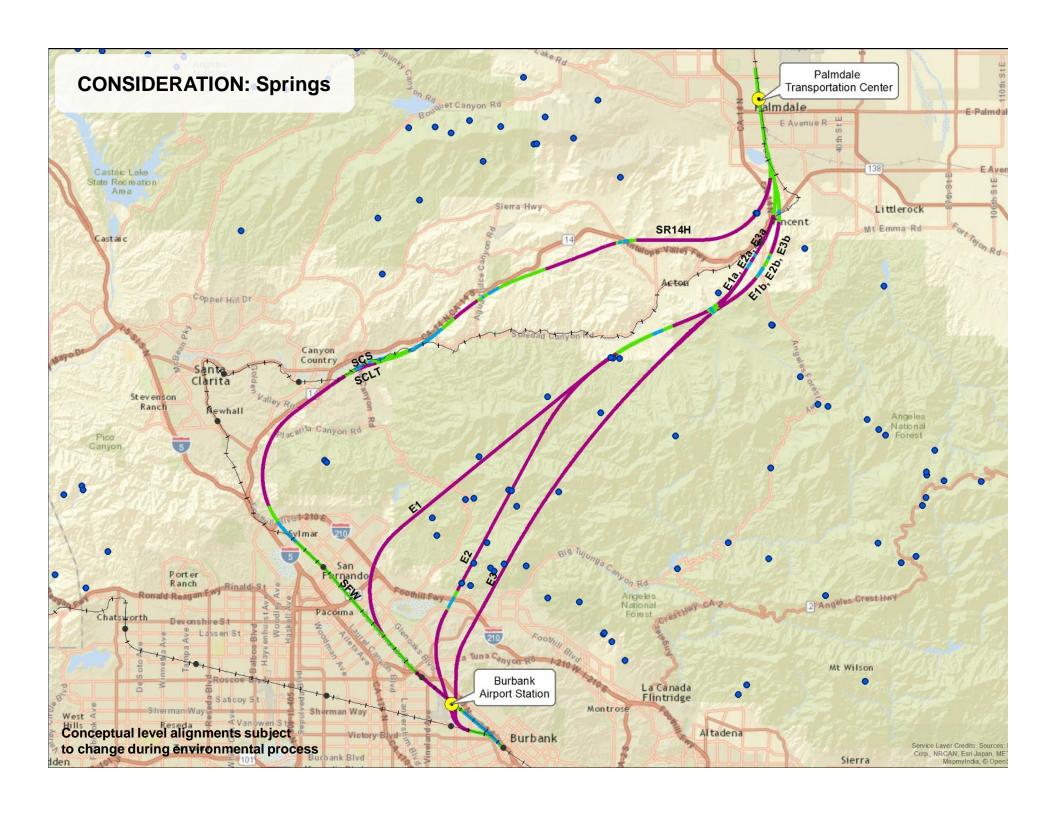


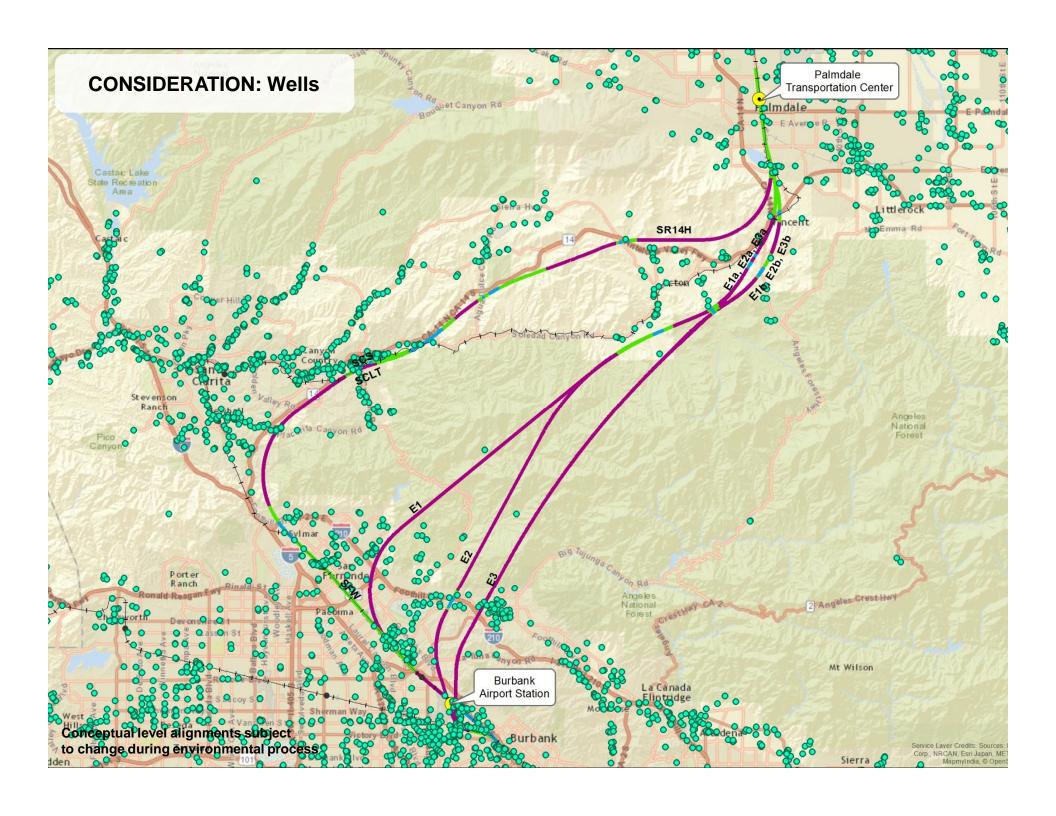


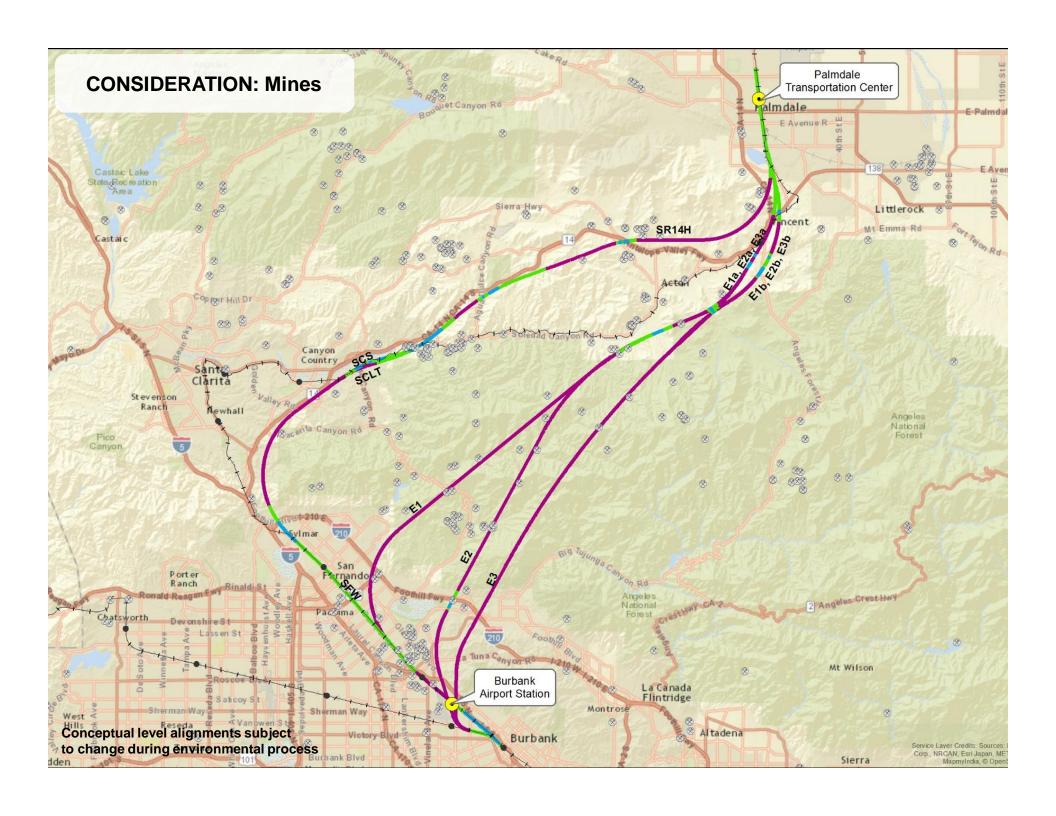


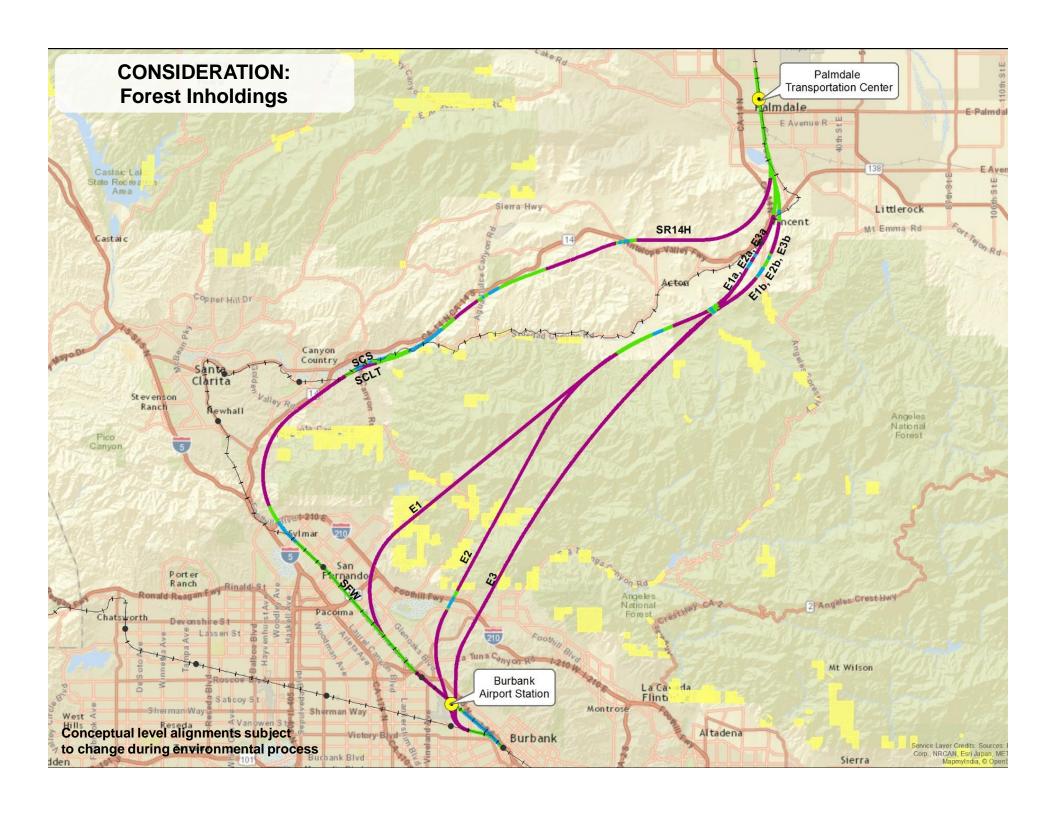


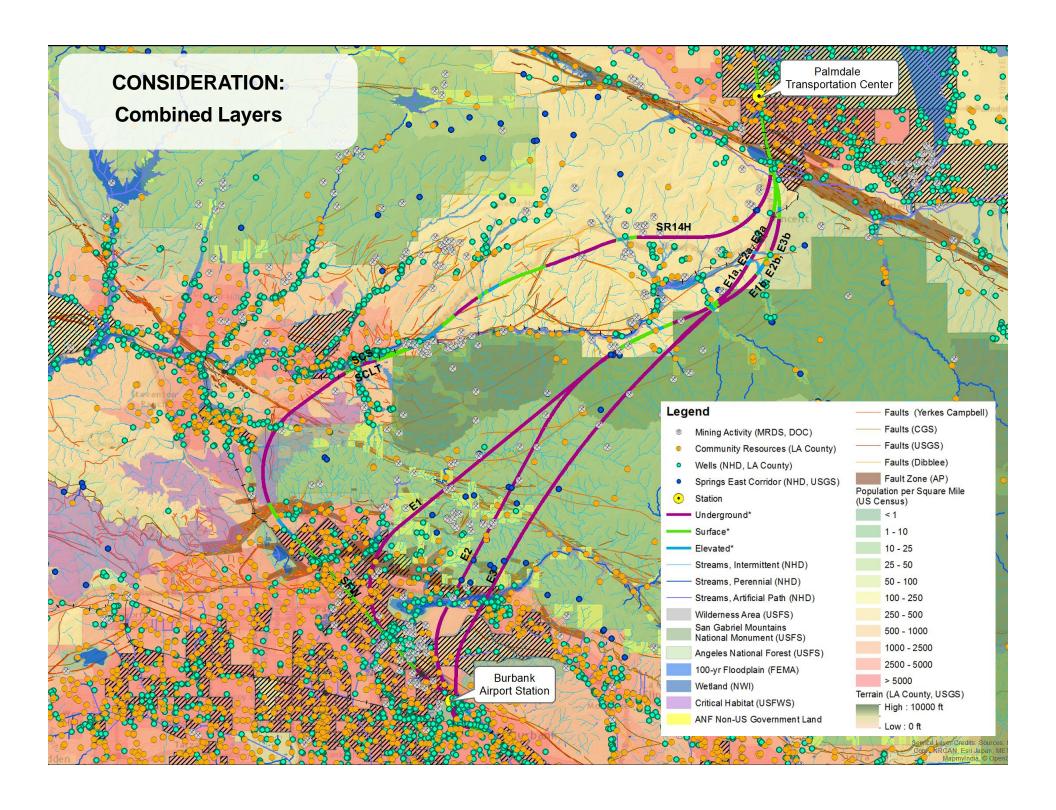












## **GOING FORWARD** \*



Summer 2015

Project-Level Environmental Documents

- » Detailed technical studies
- » Refine route designs
- Early Technical Memoranda

ONGOING ENGAGEMENT WITH AGENCIES & COMMUNITY





Summer 2016

**Draft Environmental Document** 

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Summer 2017

Final Environmental Document

# CONTINUED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Development of Draft Environmental Document
  - » Continued Community Working Group meetings
  - » Ongoing reporting of technical work
  - » Stakeholder briefings



Discussion of Community Interests by Community Area

» Station area development opportunities

» Sustainability considerations

» Community design priorities

- Stations
- Station areas
- Other project features



# **STAY INVOLVED**

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